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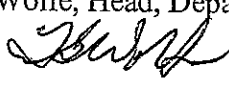
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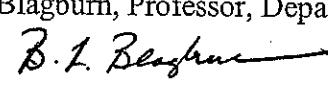
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Memorandum

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Through: Dr. Lauren G. Wolfe, Head, Department of Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine 

From: Byron L. Blagburn, Professor, Department of Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine 

Subject: Dr. Christopher Eiland

Effective at the end of Fall Semester, 2003, I will no longer serve as Dr. Christopher Eiland's PhD advisor.

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